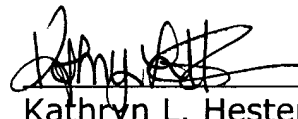


REMARKS

This amendment is submitted prior to the first examination and action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The subject application has been amended herein to add new claims 37-44. New claims 37-44 are similar to claims 10-17 of US Patent No. 6,598,372, except that claim 37 of the subject application does not contain the "binding" step limitation of claim 10 of the '372 patent. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims of the subject application are patentable over the art of record and are required to afford Applicant with necessary patent protection of the inventive concept disclosed in the subject application. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the before-mentioned amendments to the application or any other matter, Applicant's agent will welcome the opportunity to discuss the same with the Examiner.

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